

CLOSING EVENTS NEW CHILDGARTEN HAWAII'S ROADS

Iolani College Exercises Yesterday Afternoon.

Fine Program of Music and Recitations—Good Athletic Events.

The closing exercises took place at Iolani College yesterday afternoon in the school grounds, beginning at 2 o'clock. The school room had been prettily decorated with leis and flags. The program rendered by the boys was as follows:

PART I.

Song—Like the Voice.....J. Barnby
Recitation—Hawatha's Hunting.....Longfellow
J. Kellett.
Recitation—A Ship on Fire.....C. Mackay
J. White.
Song—A Song of Jubilee.....C. E. Lowe
Recitation—Bernardo del Carpio.....Mrs. Hemans
J. Aea.
Recitation—Kitten and the Mouse.....B. Nott, H. Nott, A. Aldrich.
Song—Children, Send a Song of Praise.....C. H. Lloyd
[The songs in this part are selected from those written to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria.]
PART II.
Instrumental Duet—Intermezzo.....J. Aea.
Dialogue—S. Philip Ueri and the Youth.....Dr. Byron
A. May and D. White.
Recitation—The Slave's Dream.....C. Jenkins.
Recitation—The Spider and the Fly.....Mary Howitt
T. Andrews.
Song—A Soldier's Life.....J. Stainer
Recitation—Lord Ullin's Daughter.....Campbell
E. Hatfield.
Recitation—A Nut to Crack.....J. P. from Home Words
W. Noley.
Scene—The Princess in the Tower.....Heywood
J. Smithies, J. Aea, E. Hatfield, J. Kellett, H. Koelling, H. Hart.
Song—The Bay of Biscay.....J. Davy
Distribution of Prizes.
Hawaii Ponol.

At the conclusion of the exercises, the company adjourned to the school grounds, where athletic sports were held. The following is a list of events and winners.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

100 yards—Under 15. First prize, gold pin; presented by A. G. S. Hawes. E. Hatfield won in 12½ seconds.
100 yards—Open. First prize, gold medal; presented by T. May, S. Smithies won in 1¼ seconds. Second prize, knife; presented by G. Smithies. Won by F. Laukea.
100 yards—Under 13. First prize, harmonette; presented by A. G. S. Hawes. Won by M. Anderson in 14½ seconds.
100 yards—Under 12. First prize, knife; presented by P. Jones. Won by L. Evans in 14½ seconds.
High Jump—Open. First prize, Kodak camera; presented by T. R. Walker. Won by S. Smithies, 4 feet 9 inches. Second prize, belt; presented by C. Willis. Won by J. White.
Quarter-mile—Under 15. First prize, baseball bat and ball; presented by A. G. S. Hawes. Won by E. Hatfield. Second prize, knife; presented by P. Jones. Won by Tai Ling.
Broad jump—Open. First prize, baseball bat and ball; presented by A. G. S. Hawes. Won by S. Smithies, 16 feet 3 inches. Second prize, baseball glove; presented by A. G. S. Hawes. Won by J. White.
50 yards—Under 8. Prize, a ball. Won by B. Nott in 10½ seconds.
Pole vault—Open. First prize, writing case; presented by A. G. S. Hawes. Won by J. White.
Three-legged race. Prize, silk handkerchiefs; presented by A. G. S. Hawes. Won by Lane Wong and F. Laukea.
Old boys' race—100 yards. Prize, letter weight. Won by N. Jackson.
Half-mile—Open. First prize, dressing case; presented by A. G. S. Hawes. Won by S. Smithies in 2 minutes and 48 seconds.
Sack race—Open. First prize, knife; presented by E. Stiles. Won by S. Smithies.

During the sports the company took shelter under the shade of the large tree in the middle of the field, where refreshments were handed around. The athletic prizes were given away by Mrs. Kiteat, after which with hearty cheers for the ladies and the visitors the company dispersed.
Among those present were: The British Commissioner, A. G. S. Hawes, Esq.; Sir Robert and Lady Herron, Rev. J. and Mrs. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Louison, Mrs. Kina Naholekila, Miss von Holt, Mrs. Miner, C. Davies, Mrs. Hoting, Mrs. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Frank Damon, Esq., and Miss M. Walker.

W. A. Wall's Work.

W. A. Wall, the surveyor, has just completed a 10x5 map of the land on Kauai owned by the Hon. G. N. Wilcox. This big stretch extending from Waiawa and Koloa to the Nawiliwili Court House, a distance of ten miles and from the sea, five miles inland, is shown in minute detail and the work is a credit to the young surveyor. The map will be sent to Mr. Wilcox on the W. G. Hall, sailing tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Wall will go to Napoopoo on the Mauna Loa Wednesday for the purpose of laying out a part of the Bishop estate there for coffee lots.

Necessary Funds Nearly Raised in Hilo.

Bad Brush Fires Sweep Over Hawaii—Death of Dr. Trowbridge.

HILO, Hawaii, July 3.—Although the committees arranging for a glorious celebration of America's great holiday, the Fourth of July, seemed to lack spirit at first, they have manifested a great activity and enthusiasm for two weeks past in preparing for a gala day on Monday.

The bounteous rains, which began to fall Friday morning, lasted throughout 11 days, have been welcomed by everyone (though we had better not rouse the feeling of tourists on this point). The streets were deep with dust; the dry air full of impurities, together with infected water, seemed conducive to fevers, and gardens and pastures began to look parched. A number of fine calves died of fever, caused by drinking water poisoned with impurities. The rains have been copious enough to freshen everything and lay the dust well. Hamakua, which has been dry for two months past, has been visited by goodly showers these two days past.

At midnight last Tuesday, the 29th of June, the last spark of life in our esteemed friend, Chas. J. Trowbridge, was extinguished. He had been ailing for many months, and all that could be done to relieve or benefit was done for the sufferer. Mr. Trowbridge was born at Decatur, Ill., and at his death was nearly 42 years of age. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his sad loss. The funeral, which took place from the Hilo Hotel, was conducted by the Masons, of which fraternity he was a member. The Rev. Mr. Hill leading in prayer. Appropriate words of address were spoken by Rev. Hill. The bereaved widow and children have the heartfelt sympathy of the large host of friends.

After two years' struggle to obtain a building fund for the benefit of the public kindergarten, the outlook brightens, and no doubt before many moons the little tots under Miss Guild's instruction will be in a home of their own. J. A. Scott has contributed \$450 and Dr. Wetmore \$300 towards such a fund. This, together with \$150 netted at the entertainment recently given, leaves a shortage of but \$300 necessary for the construction, as planned. The officers have decided to await the liberality of the charitably disposed to furnish the deficit.

The work of improving Waiannu street progresses slowly. A gang of prisoners is macadamizing a portion of the road. Mr. Loebenstein's fine cement sidewalk is about finished, and adds greatly to the appearance of his beautiful grounds. It is hoped that the new street will be flanked the entire length on both sides with just such paved sidewalks.

Owing to the long spell of dry weather recently the seriousness of starting brush fires became manifest at Oloa this week, when, through the inability to cope with the fires started for burning trash, a loss of several acres of growing coffee trees and three Japanese houses was entailed. This was in the vicinity of 11 miles.

With the aid of a marked coin, the officers of the law detected the firm of John Lycurus to be selling liquor. An arrest of the proprietors was effected, and a charge of selling liquor without a license was preferred. A plea of guilty was entered by defendant, who was fined \$300 and costs amounting to \$46.

The fires of Kilanea have disappeared once more. The display lasted about a week, and drew many sight-seers to the scene. This week great crowds of people have gathered at the brink of the great crater, but the latest tourists met with disappointment in not being treated to fireworks.

On the evening of the 24th ult. Mrs. J. R. Wilson gave a farewell dinner to her sister, Miss Cunningham, prior to her departure for the Coast. The guests were: Misses Weight and Broderick, Dr. Elliot, Messrs. J. W. and O. Bergstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Pratt celebrated the ninth anniversary of their wedding day last Monday evening. Mrs. Geo. Beckley and two children, and Henry Beckley, are visiting in Hilo.

Miss Hattie Forbes is visiting her aunt, Mrs. F. S. Lyman.

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Some Results of a Year's Work at Building.

Bridges Constructed and Other Improvements Made Within Appropriation.

MR. EDITOR:—Thinking you might like a passing notice of the road work done on the island of Hawaii during the past year, I will here give it to you, for I think the greatest credit is due the present Government for the business-like manner in which the road work on the island has been pushed forward. As soon as funds were in hand from the loan, as authorized by the recent Legislature, not over a year ago, the bulk of the work was started, and in the brief period many miles of roadway have been built.

The road from Hilo to Hakalan has been completed and is now open to carriage traffic. The early completion of this road deserves especial notice, for in the past 10 months nearly seven miles of this highway have been built in a most substantial manner. Stone arches are in the smaller waterways, while no less than eight new steel bridges span the turbulent waters of the larger streams. The road is a series of gulch crossings, and their approaches and the grades have been made as light as the country would admit, and are everywhere an evidence of the skillful manner in which the road has been laid out. This work has been completed within the time and in the manner planned, and, what is more, within the funds estimated.

A macadamized roadway four and a half miles long has been built to the Kaunama settlement, while a similar roadway about two miles in extent has been built to Kailiki.

The Puna road is nearly completed to Pahoa village, which is 19 miles from Hilo, and by the end of the year this road will be opened for a distance of about six miles more.

In North Hilo the Laupahoehoe Gulch road is completed, with an approach to the wharf. The comment of strangers who have seen this road is that its surface is equal to that of King street, Honolulu. The road has been graded to the Kaawili gulch, which is fast being graded. The road has been laid out as far over as Kapehu to be advertised for tenders. By the end of the year there will be constructed in this district nine miles of new road, leaving only a gap of four miles to connect with the road from Hilo.

It is in the District of North Kona, however, that the greatest amount of work has been done, for while a considerable amount of work still remains to be completed by contractors, the entire main road of the district, as well as some branches, in all 22 miles, have been laid out and let by contracts, completing all the necessary roads in the district and leaving a balance in the appropriation of several thousand dollars, which it is proposed to spend toward Waimea. Twelve miles of road have already been taken care of in South Kona, and it is expected to have the road open to Waiohine to wagon traffic by the end of the year. The Kona are the road-makers' paradise, and for finely-constructed roads one must go there to see the best on the island of Hawaii.

The Kohala-Waimea road has been let by contract, and with the completion of the road the District of North Kohala will be connected with the rest of the island by a fair wagon road.

Such in brief is the year's record of road building.

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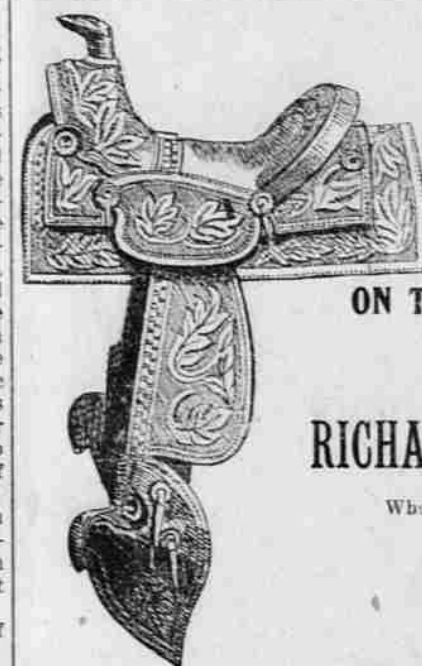


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